### Plan

**Plan: The United States federal government should establish a bilateral trade agreement with the United Mexican States to designate Mexican food crops as special products exempt from full trade liberalization requirements and establish special safeguard mechanisms.**

**Leadership**

**The US is losing global influence now - Syria and Iran prove opposition is escalating – only a renewed commitment to Latin America solves international perception and coop**

**Sabatini and Berger 12**

Christopher, editor-in-chief of Americas Quarterly and senior director of policy at Americas Society/Council of the Americas, and Ryan, policy associate at the Americas Society/Council of the Americas, "Why the U.S. can't afford to ignore Latin America" 6/13/12, CNN/Global Public Square, [http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/13/why-the-u-s-cant-afford-to-ignore-latin-america/)](http://globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com/2012/06/13/why-the-u-s-cant-afford-to-ignore-latin-america/)//AD)

But the need to shore

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broader, global strategic concerns.

**First, promoting Mexican agriculture resolves the ag crisis created by NAFTA**

**McDonald, 12** (Jeffrey E. McDonald, Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration degrees from Mississippi College School of Law, and is currently pursuing his Master of Laws at the American University Washington College of Law, 2012, "Corn, Sugar, and Ethanol: How Policy Change Can Foster Sustainable Agriculture and Biofuel Production in Mexico and the United States", ILSP Law Journal, www.wcl.american.edu/journal/ilsp/v1/3/mcdonald.pdf)

In negotiating NAFTA, the

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demanded by globalization and trade liberalization.3

**NAFTA’s success is a symbol of US global leadership—positive reforms necessary to strengthen international cooperation**

**Agrasoy, 4** - Bachelor of Arts degree in International Trade and a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems from Bogazici University in Istanbul, Turkey, where he specialized in international trade and investment, Master of Arts in Economics from McGill University in Montreal, ROI Research Analyst Director of Operations, Public Sector, overseeing worldwide public sector operations at ROI (Emre, “NAFTA: as a Means of an U.S. Hegemony Creation in the Region?” May 23 2004, [http://emreagrasoy.awardspace.com/nafta.pdf)](http://emreagrasoy.awardspace.com/nafta.pdf)//ahayes)

NAFTA is a U.S.-led RIA,

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in the world economy and politics it would be sufficient for U.S.

**Second, US action to promote Mexican food sovereignty is uniquely key to US leadership and regional cohesion in Latin America**

**Olson 08 –** Senior Policy Analyst at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

(R. Dennis Olson, “NAFTA’s Food and Agriculture Lessons,” 10/1/2008, Peace Review, accessed through EBSCOhost)

In light of the failed NAFTA model,.

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Are we up for the challenge?

**Leadership in Latin America shapes perceptions of the US—key to global leadership and international cooperation**

**Sanchez and Sholar 12**, Peter Sanchez(PhD) is a Professor & Graduate Program Director (GPD) @ Loyola University in Chicago. Megan Sholar is a PhD @ Loyola University in Chicago. (“Power and Principle: A New US Policy for Latin America”; International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Vol. 2 No. 23; December 2012; http://www.ijhssnet.com/journals/Vol\_2\_No\_23\_December\_2012/3.pdf, jj)

Moving beyond criticism,

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we of the world will be a pipe dream.

**International cooperation is key to effective US leadership—solves democracy and trade**

**Jervis 9** - professor of international politics at Columbia University

(Robert, Unipolarity: A Structural Perspective, World Politics, Muse)

To say that the system is unipolar is

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and believe that its leadership is benign. [End Page 211]

**Democracy solves several scenarios for war and extinction**

**Diamond 95**

Larry Diamond, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, December 1995, Promoting Democracy in the 1990s, http://wwics.si.edu/subsites/ccpdc/pubs/di/1.htm

OTHER THREATS This hardly exhausts the lists of threats to our security and well-being

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foundation on which a new world order of international security and prosperity can be built.

**Trade solves war - empirics**

**Hillebrand ’10** [Evan E. Hillebrand (Professor of Diplomacy at University of Kentucky and a Senior Economist for the Central Intelligence Agency) ‘10 “Deglobalization Scenarios: Who Wins? Who Loses?” Global Economy Journal, Volume 10, Issue 22010, CMR]  
A long line of writers from Cruce (1623) to Kant (1797) to Angell (1907) to Gartzke (2003) have theorized

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fractious relations among states and the probability for interstate war rises.

**No trade turns – plan shifts towards fair trade, that’s modeled**

**Olson 08 –** Senior Policy Analyst at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

(R. Dennis Olson, “NAFTA’s Food and Agriculture Lessons,” 10/1/2008, Peace Review, accessed through EBSCOhost)

NAFTA has been the blueprint for the U.S. trade agenda, and has

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the NAFTA clauses that have harmed their families and their livelihoods.

**Leadership is critical to multilateral climate agreements**

**Falkner 5** – Department of International Relations, London School of Economics

(Robert Falkner, “American Hegemony and the Global Environment” International Studies Review 7, 585–599, 2005)

If hegemony is conceived narrowly in terms of

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help us understand the obstacles to effective international action.

**Global climate cooperation solves warming**

**Burleson 7** – Pace University School of Law, LLM London School of Economics and Political Science, JD University of Connecticut School of Law

(Elizabeth Burleson, “Multilateral Climate Change Mitigation” 41 U.S.F. Law Review 373, January 1 2007, Environmental Law Commons)

The international community can overcome political and economic

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climate change requires genuine multilateral cooperation immediately.

**Climate mitigation is possible—it’s a question of US ability to generate cooperation**

**Eizenstat 9** – partner at Covington & Burling LLP, lead U.S. negotiator of the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change, has held numerous senior positions in government as Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, U.S. Ambassador to the EU, and former U.S. Sous Sherpa to the G8 (Stuart Eizenstat, “THE U.S. ROLE IN SOLVING CLIMATE CHANGE: GREEN GROWTH POLICIES CAN ENABLE LEADERSHIP DESPITE THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN” ENERGY LAW JOURNAL Volume 30, No. 1 2009)

Nonetheless, I am cautiously optimistic—both about

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poised to again engage, cooperate and lead.

**Specifically, cooperative, international action is necessary to avert 4 degrees of warming**

**Schellnhuber 12** – PhD in theoretical physics, advisor to the President of the EU Commission, Lead analyst at the Postdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and Climate Analytics

(Joachim, et al, Contributors to the World Bank report: “Turn Down the Heat: Why a 4°C Warmer World Must be Avoided,” International Bank for Reconstruction and Development)

A 4°C world will pose unprecedented challenges

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cooperative, international actions can make that happen.

**That’s a critical threshold—4 degree projections trigger a laundry list of extinction scenarios**

**Roberts 13—citing the World Bank Review’s compilation of climate studies**

- 4 degree projected warming, can’t adapt

- heat wave related deaths, forest fires, crop production, water wars, ocean acidity, sea level rise, climate migrants, biodiversity loss

David, “If you aren’t alarmed about climate, you aren’t paying attention” [http://grist.org/climate-energy/climate-alarmism-the-idea-is-surreal/] January 10 //mtc

We know we’ve raised global average temperatures

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is inexorably more inhospitable with every passing decade.

**Warming is anthropogenic – most comprehensive analysis to date proves**

**Green 13** – Professor of Chemistry @ Michigan Tech,

\*John Cook – Fellow @ Global Change Institute, produced climate communication resources adopted by organisations such as NOAA and the U.S. Navy

\*\*Dana Nuccitelli – MA in Physics @ UC-Davis

\*\*\*Mark Richardson – PhD Candidate in Meteorology, et al.,

(“Quantifying the consensus on anthropogenic global warming in the scientific literature,” Environmental Research Letters, 8.2)

An accurate perception of the degree of scientific consensus is an essential element

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expressing a position on AGW, an overwhelming percentage (97.2% based on self-ratings, 97.1% based on abstract ratings) endorses the scientific consensus on AGW.

**Adherence to existing multilateral agreements avoids 4 degree warming—it’s a question of their effective application**

**Kim 12** – PhD in Anthropology @ Harvard, former president of Dartmouth, Now President of the World Bank

(Jim Yong, “Turn Down the Heat,” p. ix)

The 4°C scenarios are devastating:

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The World Bank Group will step up to the challenge.

**We win impact calc – the magnitude of our impact means it comes before all other methods of framing**

**Emanuel 12—atmospheric science professor @ MIT**

Kerry, “Probable Cause” [http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/11/09/probable\_cause?page=full] November 9 //mtc

At its best, climate science deals in probabilities.

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we should do nothing is both scientifically and morally indefensible.

**No impact turns—a strategy of primacy is inevitable—it’s a question of the plan’s ability to sustain effective leadership**

**Brooks, Ikenberry and Wohlforth 13**

Stephen G., G. John, William C., “Don't Come Home, America: The Case against Retrenchment” *International Security*

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Critics of deep engagement often call it "primacy,"

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capacity to manage security affairs in multiple regions.

**Effective leadership prevents conflict escalation.  Only the AFF can access a large war impact**

**Wright 10 –** Executive director of studies at The Chicago Council on Global Affairs (Thomas, "Strategic Engagement’s Track Record," The Washington Quarterly)//NG

The obstacles to a new international order are not

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adjustment of differences through negotiation, is possible only in ‘legitimate’ international orders.49

#### US lead in liberal institutions key – any other power’s leadership can’t solve any of our internal links

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Stephen G., G. John, William C., “Don't Come Home, America: The Case against Retrenchment” *International Security*

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What goes for the global economy also applies to

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even as it pushes cooperation toward U.S. preferences.

**Corn**

**Status quo NAFTA policies make Mexico dependent on food imports—tanks crop genetic diversity**

**Twin Cities Daily, ’13** June 29.

<http://www.tcdailyplanet.net/news/2013/06/29/interruptedthe-co-evolution-seeds-and-communities>

The cost to the farming communities is considerable. But there are other costs

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concern with economic and ecological implications for every local community.

**Mexico is key—it’s a hotspot of genetic diversity**

**Keleman 09 -** master’s degree in Environmental Science and International Relations at Yale University, Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellow at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

(Alder Keleman, “Institutional support and in situ conservation in Mexico: biases against small-scale maize farmers in post-NAFTA agricultural policy,” Agriculture and Human Values, 2009, accessed through ProQuest)

As the center of origin of maize, Mexico houses a high

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genetically narrower store-purchased seed (Nadal and Wise 2004).

**Extinction – loss of genetic diversity controls multiple internal links**

Fowler and Mooney 90 – Senior Officer at UN Food and Agriculture Organization; and Staff Member at Rural Advancement Fund International

[Cary and Pat, *Shattering: food, politics, and the loss of genetic diversity*, p. ix]

While many may ponder the consequences of global warming, perhaps

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render our own survival more precarious.

**Specifically, loss of corn D causes extinction – brink is now**

**Johnson 2011,** “Mexico, cradle of corn, finds its noble grain under assault,” February 2, 2011, McClatchy Newspapers, <http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2011/02/02/107954/mexico-cradle-of-corn-finds-its.html>  
Farmers are punished at the marketplace for selling native corn, and

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All they know is that the dining room table must have tortillas on it."

**Creation of a special products category solves**

**Wise 9**

Timothy, The Task Force was convened by Kevin P. Gallagher, Enrique Dussel Peters, and Timothy A. Wise with [Boston University’s Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future](http://www.bu.edu/pardee/task-force-report-nafta/), 2009. “The Future of North American Trade Policy: Lessons from NAFTA,” November 2009, http://www.bu.edu/pardee/files/2009/11/Pardee-Report-NAFTA.pdf

Special and Differential Treatment—The concept of SDT recognizes

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precedent for flexible treatment as it excludes rice from liberalization.

**Food independence is possible—Mexico has the tech**

**Wise, ’12**Antonio Turrent Fernández, Timothy A. Wise, and Elise Garvey, October. Global Development and Environment Institute.  
<http://www.ase.tufts.edu/gdae/Pubs/wp/12-03TurrentMexMaize.pdf>  
Rising agricultural prices, combined with growing import

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Mexico’s growing demand for maize, estimated to reach 39 million mt/year by 2025.

### Solvency

**US action solves and Mexico says yes**

**Carlsen, ’09**. Laura, Huffington Post, January 12.  
<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/laura-carlsen/obama-reaffirms-promise-t_b_157316.html>

The mainstream press is wrong when it says the United States a

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deep reform and reorientation toward food sovereignty.

**Plan’s popular in Mexico**

**Paterson, ’12**. Kent, Frontera NorteSur Feature, February 5.  
<http://la.indymedia.org/news/2012/02/251378.php>

The northern tractorcade is just one hot piece of the NAFTA pressure cooker building up in Mexico.

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supersede the nation's Constitution, could wind up reviewing the constitutionality of NAFTA.

**US lead is key**

**Sirkin, ’12**. Harold, Business Week, August 1.  
<http://www.businessweek.com/articles/2012-08-01/nafta-20-years-and-not-there-yet>

There have unquestionably been some very positive benefits. From 1993 to 2007, for example,

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benefits of NAFTA will never be realized. We need to move ahead now.

**No ag disads—plan helps US farming**

**Public Citizen’s Global Trade Watch, 2001.**  
<http://www.citizen.org/documents/ACFF2.PDF>

The North American Free Trade Agreement has had a track record of broken promises for family farmers and ranchers.

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US farm income is significantly lower than before NAFTA went into effect.

**Plan increases trade opportunities**

**Diplomatic Courier, ’13**. January 24, 2013.  
http://www.diplomaticourier.com/news/regions/latin-america/1331-us-mexico-relations-love-thy-neighbor

Fortifying borders, beefing up security, creating walls that divide the two countries that mimic

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Less need for Mexicans to leave their homeland and look for jobs in the U.S.¶